

Middlesex/Union Counties Quarantine Area

USDA Forest Service Smokejumpers, along with contracted tree climbers from Bartlett Tree Expert Company, continued to survey trees in the Middlesex/Union ALB quarantine zone; 9,604 trees have been inspected.

As of April 14, 2005, 3,709 trees have been removed from the Middlesex/Union ALB quarantine area. Of those, 505 were infested host trees and 3,204 were high risk exposed host trees. Crews continued removing trees this week in areas of Carteret, including along the New Jersey Turnpike by Exit 12, and in the City of Rahway.

On April 11, Carl Schulze, Director, Division of Plant Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, and Barry Emens, USDA-APHIS ALB New Jersey Program Director attended a caucus meeting with City of Linden Council Members to update them on the ALB Program. Additionally, Barry Emens and Carl Schulze did a live call-in talk show with Mayor John Gregorio of Linden, which aired at 7 p.m. April 13, on the city's cable access TV station. A segment of the show covered the ALB Program's efforts to eradicate this destructive pest from New Jersey and to request the public's continued support for the program.

The NJ Forest Service has scheduled a Public Meeting in Carteret to discuss the reforestation plan for the community on April 25, from 7-8 p.m. at the Thomas J. Deverin Community Center. They are working with the Mayor's office on notifying the residents, sending out flyers. Additionally, a press release will be sent to local media. The NJ Forest Service is also planning to meet with the Mayors of Woodbridge, Rahway and Linden to discuss the reforestation plans for their communities and to set up public meetings.

Jersey City/Hoboken ALB Quarantine Area

Public Service Electric and Gas Company assisted the ALB Program by providing a bucket truck and two operators to inspect 33 trees located around power lines in the Jersey City and Hoboken. Surveys have been completed of known host trees in the Jersey City/Hoboken quarantine area with no signs of ALB infestation.

Protective treatments of trees with imidacloprid injections in the Jersey City/Hoboken ALB quarantine area are slated to begin April 25; approximately 900 trees will be treated.